

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 3546
Kenichi IIZUKA et al. Art Unit: 2182
Serial No.: 10/790,176 Examiner: Jasjit S. Vidwan
Filed: March 2, 2004 Docket No.: 107337-00106
For: INTER-BUS COMMUNICATION INTERFACE DEVICE AND DATA SECURITY DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Coupled with the filling of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2008, the period for response being extended from October 1, 2008 to November 1, 2008, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.